

**October 19, 2011
EMCS**

**Chair: Georgina Tran, SPEAC Vice President
Minutes: Michelle Winsor, SPEAC Secretary**

	Motions	Action
1. Meeting Called to order 7:04pm Let the record show that there is quorum present.		
2. Presentation: Mark Fester- School Appointment On Line Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program is being use worldwide schoolappointment.com -18 schools in Victoria using it- the school sets up appointment schedule by adding teachers and schedule on line and the parents go online to register when they want the appointment- Parents also put contact information on site as Privacy Laws dictate that we can't take personal information from school and place on another website-email reminders can be sent out as well - \$5.00 per teacher is the cost per use 		
3. Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions: no additions (Poirier/Spencer) 	Carried	
4. Approval of September Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrections: no corrections (Sooke/Dunsmuir) 	Carried	
5. Business Arising/Old Business <p>a. Appreciative Advocacy –Kelly D.-Levels of Engagement-enabling parents to be a change before something bad happens. –who are we advising? Maybe parents, district or partner groups of parents wants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receives Information • Consults-an opinion is sought on a previously set plan • Involves- a system that involves stake holders in planning and process • Collaborates-shares in the decision making • Empowers-Community identifies problems, solutions and supports to that problem <p>-Needing volunteers to attend various committees that SPEAC is invited to</p>		

<p>b. VIP Conference-Stephanie L.- posters are circulating- new panels being set up for conference so parents can ask questions of presenters- certificates of participation will be handed out for those who need it for a professional requirement</p> <p>c. Criminal Record Check –Rossana P. Scott coming next month</p> <p>d. Survey Monkey- Stephanie L. asking for \$100.00 for Survey Monkey sign up for a month if a bigger survey setting is necessary Motion: Stephanie L. is asking SPEAC to allocate a maximum of \$100.00 to be used for Survey Monkey when necessary (Ruth King /Spencer)</p> <p>e. Parent Information Nights- Emergency Prep Oct 27, Safe Arrival and Secretary have been cancelled</p>	<p>Carried</p>	<p>Stephanie L.</p>
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<p>6. Delegate Reports: Superintendent – Ron Warder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shake-Out-tomorrow 10am, Oct 20, 2011 • Enrollment -up 350 from last year – 200 new to district- 150 students from Kindergarten – Aggregate - need to add a class in primary class to balance things out and not go over Aggregate • Technology Report-consultant hired to make plan for district – what the district will be acquiring, getting whole system up to date – board trying to commit monies over a few years for this program –trying to make system compatible so students can bring devices in and use system – security will need to be up to date • Teachers Job Action – hopes it will be finished in days, but if not, parents are asking about Report Cards-will be some form of conference and Minister says that report cards must go home – Report Cards window ends Dec. 14 – if one goes out before Job Action finished, it will have minimal information on it. Question- does the District have plans to put WiFi in all schools- Answer - it will be difficult for some schools to be wired – district is paying attention to health risk 		
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information-district is taking advice from Ministry of Health -schools do want WiFi		
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<p>Trustee-not in attendance- all candidates meeting Tonight</p> <p>STA – Patrick Henry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers –and what to expect – there should be more communication with parents, sending home teachers contact information to parent, best time to call, etc. –for children in lower grades, parents already see teachers on a regular basis, for senior grades, parents may not be in schools, but get info from children, -parents with special needs children should be first in line for contact, then children with issues such as not attending, not engaging, then all other parents should receive some contact- teachers need to be at school for half day, so parents can contact teacher for an appointment <p>Rossana P.- as no formal interviews will be happening, are children will still be dismissed early?- yes this is still the plan- the calendar is already set and it would involve paperwork involved to change it</p> <p>Georgina T – will teachers going to go home at 3pm or will they be there later? – teachers are usually there later, but ask as some will make themselves available</p> <p>CUPE – Cameron Gordon-Findlay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gazette article-incident where vehicle while child getting off of bus – A Channel news got involved Trent Prior in attendance as an introduction <p>Questions –Why is Dunsmuir being painted while children attending? Has to be done during 8a-4:30p Caryn D.-asking if anything being done about Bear Proof Garbage cans – information has been passed on</p> <p>SPVP- Roberta Kubick– EMCS Principal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is glad to be in this district as things are going well between district, teachers and parents 		
<p>7. Correspondence –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to Minister- Stephanie L. read out the letter that was sent to the Minister-June 10 sent – June 13 a reply came- Stephanie L. read the response letter out – Abbott will be at John Stubbs tomorrow morning 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCCPAC envelope-BCCPAC newsletter, and volunteer information – Question – are we maintaining membership for BCCPAC? Yes SPEAC is but PAC’s need to decide for themselves-SPEAC will pass information on if PAC’s want it – BCCPAC didn’t receive government funding, so it seems BCCPAC is diminishing- SPEAC will not be taking proxies from schools that have not talked about it and have engaged in the process themselves 		
<p>8. Treasurer’s Report –Terry Phelps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Report: 5,533.00 • Gaming Account:3306.40 • Not in attendance but sent a note through Stephanie L saying he will talk about Budget next month <p>Question -can we have speakers come in? Answer- yes, let us know as we have monies -some fees may apply</p>		
<p>9. President’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restitution-Feb 9, 2012 – parent education night • All Candidates Meetings-different hand outs for Belmont Zone and EMCS zone • Meeting Superintendent-parents feeling left out with webpage being unfinished- invited Jim to Presidents dinner in Jan and he accepted invitation • Education committee – emergency preparedness being worked on by all groups in district –Jim said that we need someone to be in charge of an Emergency Preparedness Committee <p>Question-Could we go back and ask for some consistency within Districts – one school has puddings enough for kids, one has enough food for 72 hours.-many questions, no answers</p> <p>Motion: SPEAC to implore the school district that there be consistency throughout the district with regards to Emergency Preparedness procedures and supplies? (Ruth King/John Muir)</p>	Carried	SPEAC President
<p>10. Executive Reports –nothing reported</p>		
<p>11. New Business</p> <p>a. Restitution-Feb 9, 2012 – parent education night</p>		
<p>Next meeting will be held at Hans Helgensen at 7pm</p>		
<p>12. Meeting adjourned at (Dunsmuir/Saseenos)</p>	Carried	